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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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RE: Emergency Feeding of School Children in Areas Devastated by Hurricane Katrina

This memorandum details USDA's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) policy for the feeding of school children in areas recently devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The Arizona Department of Education will continually monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate.

- In cases where a household from a designated disaster area moves in with another household the displaced individuals may be considered homeless. Consequently the displaced individuals are automatically eligible for free meals. However, for the host family to be eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits the host family must provide a revised application which includes those displaced by the disaster, and must include any income provided to the host family.
- If a free and reduced price meal application cannot be obtained from a displaced household a school official may complete the application on behalf of the child based on the best available knowledge of the displaced household's economic circumstances.
- School officials should review eligibility determinations made under these crisis procedures after 45 days to re-evaluate the household's circumstances.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist at 602-542-8700.